

A Career in Digital Forensics

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I thought Davin Teo's path to working in digital forensics was interesting as he did not originally start working in digital forensics. Initially, he worked in accounting. Later he transitioned to IT. Then he stumbled upon digital forensics while working with a digital forensic team. He said he found his specialty after the opportunity presented itself. That taught me that careers don't always go exactly as planned; sometimes unexpected opportunities will lead you to your own specialty.

Something that really stood out to me was all of the work it takes for a digital forensic investigator. Investigators do more than simply view computer systems. They collect and preserve digital evidence. Protect the integrity of the collected evidence. Examine metadata and analyze log files. And investigate what happened on a network. Teo discussed examples of fraud, deleted messages, and unusual employee behavior related to organizations. One case example, he mentioned that using email info from a mobile device they were able to discover bank account numbers associated with millions of dollars in fraud.

I also think there is a correlation between digital forensics and social science since investigators study individuals and individual behaviors by examining digital evidence. Investigators may need to determine why an offender committed a crime. How do employees utilize technology or how organizational activities impact others. As a result, investigators often rely on lawyers and law enforcement agencies therefore, understanding laws, ethics, communication skills and human behavior is crucial.

As a Cybersecurity student, I found Teo's journey to be inspiring. His presentation provided insight into digital forensics, more than just fixing computers. It includes technical expertise, critical thinking skills, investigative techniques, communication abilities, and meticulous attention to detail. His experience also shows that there are numerous options available when it comes to employment within the realm of Cybersecurity.

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